

City of Lynchburg Police Department



Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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Statewide Neighborhood Conference

**Neighborhoods Reaching for a Better Tomorrow
Lynchburg, Virginia
September 18-19, 2014**



<http://www.vsnc.org/>

This year, the City of Lynchburg, Virginia welcomes you to the 15th Annual Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference being held on September 18-19, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Downtown Lynchburg located at 601 Main St. in the heart of downtown Lynchburg.



Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference

Why should I attend?

By attending the conference, participants are provided:

- Opportunities to network with others and learn best practices for addressing neighborhood issues of the times.
- Opportunities to become energized and encouraged with tools and information to help better serve the community.
- A place to showcase positive strides made in their communities/neighborhoods (talent, skills, plans, etc.).
- Youth topics and workshops designed to enhance leadership skills and build character.

A Neighborhood Awards Program ceremony recognizing the commitment, time, and energy of those who tirelessly volunteer to make their neighborhoods the places they are proud to call home. These awards have been presented since 2000 as a collective “thank you” to those nominated neighborhoods and individuals, and are the only statewide awards given to neighborhood organizations and individuals for their neighborhood self-help initiatives.

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Neighborhood Watch Partnership Meeting

For those who were unable to attend the Annual Neighborhood Watch Partnership Meeting, Chief Snead had some encouraging words for Lynchburg City Residents and Neighborhood Watch Members!

For the past 3 years we have seen crime rates remain on a downward trend!



This is in part to the efforts of Neighborhood Watch and members like you! Thank you for your service and dedication to the Neighborhood Watch Program.

As we look to the remainder of the year, start thinking about the Lynchburg Night Out Against Crime. What are some things you would like to see for this year's event?

Save the Date: Lynchburg Night Out Against Crime Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Based on feedback received from last year's event, Watch Groups and Members were split about 50/50 on whether or not to have neighborhood events or one singular city-wide event.

The consensus is to go back to individual neighborhood events this year, and LPD Officers and City Officials will break up into teams to visit each of the events as we have done in the past.

Please share your thoughts on Lynchburg Night Out Against Crime by calling 455-6070 or emailing Steven Wood at steven.wood@lynchburgva.gov



Scam Warning

Warning! There is a text scam going on that is targeting Beacon Credit Union members...

Please remember the following if you are contacted by someone that says they are a representative of any financial institution...

Beacon Credit Union will never contact you and request your account information. If you receive a phone call, text message or email from us, asking for account or social security information, this is more than likely a scam.

You should not respond to the message or give out any information.

If you do respond to such a request and provide any confidential account information, please contact us immediately at 1.800.868.6655. We will help you to take any additional action to protect your account.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at the above contact number.

Many people in the Lynchburg area have received this text scam. Many of the people who have received this text do not have accounts with Beacon Credit Union.

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